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SUBJ: REPORT RE RESUMPTION OF SOVIET ARMS

DELIVERIES TO EGYPT

1. WE UNDERSTAND HERALD TRIBUNE ON MAY 24 PUBLISHED
UPI REPORT FROM CAIRO THAT THE SOVIETS MAY HAVE
RESUMED ARMS DELIVERIES TO EGYPT. STORY SEEMS TO
BE THAT SEVERAL PLANELOADS ARRIVED WEEK OR TWO AGO
IN CONNECTION WITH ARRIVAL OF NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR.
SOME SUGGEST THIS MAY HAVE BEEN NO MORE THAN A TOKEN
SHIPMENT.

2. FAHMY CATEGORICALLY TOLD THE AMBASSADOR TODAY
THAT THERE IS NO, REPEAT NO, TRUTH TO PRESS STORIE
OF A RESUMPTION OF SOVIET ARMS TO EGYPT. HE ALSO
NOTED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT YET REPLIED TO
BREZHNEV'S LETTER OF OVER 10 DAYS AGO AND WILL NOT
DO SO UNTIL AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE SECRETARY'S
MIDDLE EAST MISSION. NOR HAS THE PRESIDENT AS
YET EVEN ACKNOWLEDGED ANOTHER MESSAGE
RECEIVED YESTERDAY FORM THE SOVIET TROIKA ON

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THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOVIET-EGYPTIAN TREATY.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE THAT ONLY TODAY'S
AHAM MENTIONS ANNIVERSARY BASING ITS BRIEF REPORT
SOLELY ON SOVIET PRESS SOURCES.
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